

When do programs begin and end?

Most programs begin on Sunday with orientation, dinner, and an activity at a famous site. They end on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, depending on the options selected. If you want to pick your own start and end dates, our customizable programs enable you to do so.

What should students wear on program?

Students should wear casual clothes (jeans and sneakers are ok). Be sure students bring comfortable shoes as they will be walking quite a bit. High school students are expected to dress up for Capitol Hill Day (Wednesday). This means dress shirts and ties for boys and dresses/slacks/skirts for girls. If you're coming in the colder months, be sure to pack a winter coat, gloves, hat, and scarf because you will be outside at times. Spring program participants should plan for varied weather conditions, and likely rain.

Can students leave program to visit family, friends, or local colleges?

Yes. Students can visit family, friends, and local colleges during their independent time. Students must receive prior approval from the Program Leader, as well as provide a signed permission slip from their parents.

How can students receive college credit for the Close Up program?

Students who complete our Washington High School Program can earn 1 college credit from The University of Virginia (UVA), the #2 ranked public University by U.S. News & World Report.

Questions? Email Paul at pburneko@closeup.org for more information.

How do I contact my child while he/she is on a Close Up program?

During the week, your child will be very active exploring Washington and meeting students from around the country. His/her day begins early in the morning and generally ends late in the evening. If you need to get in touch with your child, below are a few options we recommend:

- Provide your child with a cell phone that has a national calling plan. (Check the details of your calling plan.)
- Purchase a pre-paid calling card for your child to use during the program week. (Don't forget to check for usage charges on both the calling card and the phone being used to place the call.)
- Contact your child at his/her Close Up hotel. Call the hotel front desk, and ask for your child by name. The hotel will connect you to your child's room. Participants are responsible to pay any additional charges they incur - long-distance phone charges, hotel damages, etc. - while attending the Close Up program.

Where do participants stay during their program?

Our participants stay in convenient, quality hotels located in the metro area. Each hotel is carefully inspected to be of the highest quality possible at an affordable price. Our ability to secure close-in hotels enables teachers to spend more time learning and less time commuting.

How are students housed during the week?

Students are housed four to a room. Each room has two double beds.

- On our high school program, each student chooses one roommate from his/her school. Another pair of students from a different community will also be assigned to the room. In the event a school brings an odd number of participants, the participant without a roommate from his or her school will be placed in a room with participants from different schools. They will be placed in the same workshop and bus as a few of their classmates.
- For our middle school program, all four students housed together are from the same school. If there are an odd number of students, we will do our best to ensure there are at least two students from the same school housed together. Teachers choose roommates for middle school groups.

Required Medical Forms

You must bring to Washington the following:

- 1) Completed Medical Questionnaire Form and Consent for Treatment Form, and
- 2) Health insurance card (or a copy of the front and back of the card).

What happens if a student gets sick on program?

Close Up partners with several leading health care providers, including Georgetown University Children's Medical Center (GUCMC) to ensure that students have access to quality health care should they get sick while on program. 911 emergency services are available around the clock -- from the time our program starts until it ends.

For a non-911 situation, typically we will be in contact with a triage nurse at GUCMC to determine what course of action needs to be taken. In some cases, we will transport the student to GUCMC for diagnosis and treatment. In the more serious cases, the student might be referred and transported to a specific medical facility for diagnosis and treatments. In others, a student might simply drink fluids and rest in her or his hotel room under the periodic supervision of Close Up staff.

As an added precaution, our Close Up program staff is trained in CPR, AED and First Aid. We also maintain a dedicated staffer on each program to assist students who are ill. Typically, this assistance includes accompanying them when they're taken for medical treatment, waiting with them at the facility while they're being treated, and accompanying them back to the hotel as well.

Will my child/student have to pay a co-pay for visits?

The amount of the co-pay depends on your primary insurance carrier. If your child/student doesn't have money for the co-pay at time of service, Georgetown will bill the responsible party.

Will Close Up's secondary insurance cover medical bills?

You can apply for reimbursement through Close Up's secondary insurance after using any travel insurance benefits and your primary insurance. Just like many other insurance policies, our secondary insurance has a \$100 deductible for which participants are liable if they use this insurance while on program.

Should I bring my own prescription medicine?

Yes. You need to bring an adequate supply of medication and will self-medicate while on program. You need to notify us in advance of all medication that needs to be refrigerated and agree to pay additional charges of up to \$60 for refrigerator use or rental.

Should I bring my own over the counter medicine (OTC)?

Yes. You need to bring an adequate supply of medication and will self-medicate while on program. We are not able to provide participants with medications.

For more information about our programs, please visit www.closeup.org and visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) link.